



## NEW AND RETURNING UNDERGRADUATE RESIDENTIAL STUDENTS

*Updated Aug. 13, 2020*

### Action Steps to Take before Coming to Campus: COVID-19 Health and Safety Preparedness

- **Pre-arrival quarantine: All undergraduate residential students are being asked to commit to a 14-day self-quarantine prior to coming to campus.** We recognize that asking students to quarantine at home is an inconvenience. However, it will only be through embracing these types of inconveniences in a fully committed joint effort that we will be able to have a successful and healthy semester together on campus. With that understanding, we are asking students to:
  - Stay home unless absolutely necessary. The best way to keep our campus COVID free is to stay home for 14 days prior to your arrival. This means avoid going to school, work, public areas, or attending large gatherings. If you need medical care, please call your health care provider.
  - Wash your hands often and practice good hygiene.
  - Arrange for routine medical appointments prior to self-quarantine.
  - Avoid public areas including grocery stores, malls, theaters and large public gathering spaces.
  - Monitor your temperature daily and watch for symptoms. If symptoms develop, call your health care provider BEFORE seeking in-person care.
  - Do not use public transportation, ride-sharing or taxis.
  - Postpone any travel.
  - If you must leave your home for any reason, wear a mask, practice strict social distancing and be vigilant in hand-washing.

*If you have questions or are unable to self-quarantine for two weeks prior to your arrival, please reach out to Kevin Villegas [kvillegas@messiah.edu](mailto:kvillegas@messiah.edu) or Kris Hansen-Kieffer ([khansen@messiah.edu](mailto:khansen@messiah.edu)) to discuss your individual circumstances.*

**Requirements for air, bus or train travel:** If a student's journey to Messiah requires air, bus or train travel they must take extra measures to remain safe and healthy while traveling (retaining distance from others, washing hands frequently, not touching face, wearing a mask at all times).

**Requirements for international travel:** *Please note that students traveling from outside of the U.S. should plan to arrive to campus five to seven days early.* Upon arrival these students will receive instructions related to temporary, on-campus quarantine and COVID testing will occur. The test results will be reviewed by the Engle Center who will give further direction based on results. Messiah will cover the cost of the initial COVID test. If test results are positive for COVID-19 or test results are delayed for any reason, quarantine may be extended.

- [Read important information about self-screening and on-site temperature checks before traveling to campus for student move-in](#) ([messiah911.wordpress.com](http://messiah911.wordpress.com))

- **If you would like to change your student status (residential, commuter or fully remote) from what you previously declared, you may do so through July 31, 2020.**  
To do so, please click on the Contract tab on The Nest at [www.messiah.edu/theNest](http://www.messiah.edu/theNest), select and read the new housing contract that you would like to change to; mark that you have read the contract; and click the “sign” button in the bottom right.
- **If you have vulnerable risk factors to COVID-19, and are studying as an in-person, on-campus student during fall semester, please email the Engle Center at [englecenter@messiah.edu](mailto:englecenter@messiah.edu) to initiate a conversation about a proactive plan for your care.**
- **Watch for the “Life as a Falcon 20-21” email the week of July 13** that will contain additional specific move-in instructions.
- **Student athletes**– look for an email and follow instructions about pre-arrival preparation.
- **Find the Falcon Health COVID-19 program on Messiah’s FalconLink portal** [messiah.edu/falconlink](http://messiah.edu/falconlink) (you will use this to enter your daily health check-in once you come to campus).
- **Familiarize yourself with Messiah’s new student move-in schedule and procedures** (they are different from past years’ due to COVID-19 health and safety precautions). Visit the Welcome Week website at <https://www.messiah.edu/welcomeweek>.
- **Watch for an email and video from President Phipps** in early August.
  - Read and electronically sign the Community Promise the email will contain.
- **Continue to watch your Messiah email in the weeks ahead** for updates and reminders about your return to campus.